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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6/5/08.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 and 33-61 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 and 33-61 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to communications: Amendment, filed on 6/5/08.

Claims 1-29, and 33-61 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 19, 33, and 51 are independent claims. In the Amendment, filed on 6/5/08, 1, 3, 19, 33-38, 40, 45, 51-53, and 59 have been amended and claims 30-32 have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-29, and 33-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang et al. ("Wang" US Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0260700) in view of Courant et al. ("Courant" US Patent No. 5,522,073) and Kornerup et al. ("Kornerup" US Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0055666).

Regarding independent claim 1, Wang teaches in a graphical modeling environment having at least one model with a plurality of executable time-based components and which provides a view of the model, a method, comprising the steps of:

monitoring the execution of said model to determine the occurrence of a specified event, said event referenced by a label; determining the occurrence of said specified event during the execution of said model (i.e. Event Monitor in Fig. 1 et seq. of Wang).

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Wang does not teach an event handler associated with the occurrence of an event, or the execution of components in response to notification of events;

Displaying a view of a graphical model with a plurality of executable time-based components, said graphical model including at least one user-configurable graphical post component representing an event, said graphical post component having at least one input port for receiving at least one input signal, said graphical post component specifying a condition associated with the at least on input signal;

Courant teaches posting the occurrence of said event in said graphical modeling environment to an event handler, said posting notifying said event handler of the occurrence of said event (i.e. "EVENT SERVER" and "EXECUTION MANAGER" in FIG. 5 et seq. of Courant).

Displaying a view of a graphical model with a plurality of executable time-based components, said graphical model including at least one user-configurable graphical post component representing an event, said graphical post component specifying a condition that is satisfied during execution of said graphical model before a posting a notice of said event occurs; (see Courant; col. 2, lines 20-50)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to integrate the event manager of Courant into the graphical modeling environment of Wang. Said artisan would have been motivated to combine Courant into Wang to give the user greater flexibility to select specific functions related to the event (i.e. see col. 2 line 33 et seq. of Courant).

Kornerup teaches executing at least one component from said plurality of components in response to said notifying, said component associated with said label (i.e. step 307 in Fig. 5 et

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seq. of Kornerup), wherein said graphical post component having at least one input port for receiving at least one input signal, and graphical post component specifying a condition associated with at least one input signal. (see Kornerup, paragraph 0134) It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to integrate the execution based on the event of Kornerup into the graphical modeling environment of Wang as modified by Courant. Said artisan would have been motivated to combine Kornerup into the modified Wang to give the user greater control over the timing relationship of the execution of specified events (i.e. see [0012] et seq. of Kornerup).

Regarding dependent claim 2, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 1, comprising the further steps of: registering at least one of said plurality of components with said event handler; and receiving at the at least one of said plurality of components registering with said event handler, notification of the occurrence of said event following said posting (i.e. compare "MESSAGE CONNECTOR", "EVENT SERVER" and "EXECUTION MANAGER" in FIG. 5 et seq. of Courant).

Regarding dependent claim 3, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the graphical post component is a block or label (i.e. compare "Event Occurred?" and "Clinical Event Monitor Notifies Server" in Fig. 4 et seq. of Wang with views in Figs. 5-27 of Wang).

Regarding dependent claim 4, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 1, comprising the further step of: setting a sample time for the initial

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execution of at least one component to be the occurrence of the specified event (i.e. "timed loop ... in response to user input" in Fig. 5 et seq. of Kornerup).

Regarding dependent claim 5, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 4, comprising the further step of: propagating the sample time to at least one other component in said model, said at least one other component configured to inherit a sample rate (i.e. "Associate graphical source code with the timed loop in response to user input" in Fig. 5 et seq. of Kornerup).

Regarding dependent claim 6, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 4, comprising the further step of: setting a sample time of a plurality of non-contiguous components in said model to be the occurrence of said event (i.e. "Associate graphical source code with the timed loop in response to user input" in Fig. 5 et seq. of Kornerup).

Regarding dependent claim 7, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 6 wherein said sample time for the plurality of non-contiguous components is set without adjusting visible connections between components displayed in said view (i.e. "Place Recommended Step in Prepared State" in preparation for "Override" in Fig. 4 et seq. of Wang).

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Regarding dependent claim 8, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 4, comprising the further step of: indicating with an event ID in said view that the sample time of said at least one component is set to said event (i.e. "Store timing analysis data regarding timing" in Fig. 15 et seq. of Kornerup).

Regarding dependent claim 9, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 4 wherein said event is an explicit event set by a user (i.e. "in response to user input" in Fig. 5 et seq. of Kornerup).

Regarding dependent claim 10, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 4 wherein said event is an implicit event caused by the execution of the model (i.e. "Recommended Guideline Step" in Fig. 4 et seq. of Wang).

Regarding dependent claim 11, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 10 wherein the implicit event is one of power-up, power-down and initialization (i.e. "Place Selected Step in Prepared State" in Fig. 4 et seq. of Wang).

Regarding dependent claim 12, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 10 wherein the implicit event corresponds to one of the enabling and disabling of a subsystem (i.e. "Trigger Specific Guideline Step" in Fig. 4 et seq. of Wang).

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Regarding dependent claim 13, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 2, comprising the further step of: indicating which event a component receives with a user-configurable color in said view (i.e. "color- coding scheme" in [0248] et seq. of Kornerup).

Regarding dependent claim 14, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 1, wherein an execution scope Of the specified event for which the execution of the model is being monitored is restricted to a portion of the model (i.e. "Clinical Event Monitor" in Fig. 2 et seq. of Wang).

Regarding dependent claim 15, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 1 wherein each event in said model maps on a one-to-one basis to an event handler, said event handler being a function (i.e. compare "ROUTINE MANAGER" and "EVENT SERVER" in FIG. 6 et seq. of Courant).

Regarding dependent claim 16, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 15 wherein said function is inlined (i.e. see Figs. 5-27 et seq. of Wang).

Regarding dependent claim 17, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 1 wherein a branch priority block indicates an order of execution among at least two branches of blocks in response to said notifying (i.e. compare flow chart in

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Fig. 4 et seq. Of Wang with Figs. 5-27).

Regarding dependent claim 18, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 1 wherein more than one block group executes in response to said notifying, said block groups being a user selected grouping of blocks, the order of execution of the block groups specified by a user (i.e. compare flow chart in Fig. 4 et seq. of Wang with Figs. 5-27).

Regarding independent claim 19. In a modeling environment having at least one model with a plurality of executable components; a method, comprising the steps of: monitoring the execution of said model to determine the occurrence of a specified event (i.e. Event Monitor in Fig. 1 et seq. of Wang). Wang does not teach an event handler associated with the occurrence of an event, or the execution of components in response to notification of events.

Displaying a view of a graphical model with a plurality of executable time-based components, said graphical model including at least one user-configurable graphical post component representing an event, the post component having at least one input port for receiving at least input signal, said graphical post component specifying a condition associated with the at least one input signal;

Courant teaches interrupting execution of an executing event in response to the determination of the occurrence of said specified event; and performing an operation in said model in response to the determination of the occurrence of the specified event (i.e. "EVENT SERVER" and "EXECUTION MANAGER" in FIG. 5 et seq. of Courant).

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Displaying a view of a graphical model with a plurality of executable time-based components, said graphical model including at least one user-configurable graphical post component representing an event, said graphical post component specifying a condition that is satisfied during execution of said graphical model before a posting a notice of said event occurs; (see Courant; col. 2, lines 20-50)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to integrate the event manager of Courant into the graphical modeling environment of Wang. Said artisan would have been motivated to combine Courant into Wang to give the user greater flexibility to select specific functions related to the event (i.e. see col. 2 line 33 et seq. of Courant).

Kornerup teaches determining the occurrence of said specified event during the execution of said model (i.e. step 307 in Fig. 5 et seq. of Kornerup) wherein said graphical post component having at least one input port for receiving at least one input signal, and graphical post component specifying a condition associated with at least one input signal. (see Kornerup, paragraph 0134) It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to integrate the execution based on the event of Kornerup into the graphical modeling environment of Wang as 'modified by Courant. Said artisan would have been motivated to combine Kornerup into the modified Wang to give the user greater control over the timing relationship of the execution of specified events (i.e. see [0012] et seq. of Kornerup).

Regarding dependent claim 20, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 19 wherein said specified event is treated as a normal event and

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comprising the further step of: resuming execution of the interrupted event (i.e. "Wait for the Occurrence of the Event" in Fig. 4 et seq. of Wang).

Regarding dependent claim 21, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 19 wherein said specified event is treated as an exception event and comprising the further step of: returning control of the execution of the model to a calling process which called the interrupted executing event without resuming execution of said interrupted event (i.e. compare "Wait for the Occurrence of the Event" with "Trigger Specific Guideline Step" in Fig. 4 et seq. of Wang).

Regarding dependent claim 22, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 19 wherein said specified event is specified using an instantiated event object (i.e. "Place Recommended Step in Prepared State" in Fig. 4 et seq. of Wang).

Regarding dependent claim 23, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 22 wherein said event is an explicit event (i.e. "in response to user input" in Fig. 5 et seq. of Kornerup).

Regarding dependent claim 24, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 22 wherein said event is an implicit event (i.e. "Recommended Guideline Step" in Fig. 4 et seq. of Wang).

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Regarding dependent claim 25, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 22 wherein said event object is associated with a task object, said task object corresponding to an operating system task (i.e. "may also store operating system software" in [0104] et seq. of Kornerup).

Regarding dependent claim 26, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 25 wherein said task object has at least one of a specified execution rate and priority (i.e. "Display a timed loop in a graphical program in response to user input in Fig. 6 et seq. of Kornerup).

Regarding dependent claim 27, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 26 wherein at least two events with different tasks are executing in a model and comprising the further step of: using event transition components to schedule the execution of components associated with said at least two events, said event transition components separating the execution of said components associated with said at least two events (i.e. compare flow chart in Fig. 4 et seq. of Wang with Figs. 5-27).

Regarding dependent claim 28, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 19 wherein the operation is controlled by an order of execution indicated in a branch priority block (i.e. compare flow chart in Fig. 4 et seq. of Wang with Figs. 5-27).

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Regarding dependent claim 29, Wang, in combination with Courant and Kornerup teaches the method of claim 19 wherein the operation is the execution of more than one block group, said block groups being a user selected grouping of blocks, the order of execution of the block groups specified by a user (i.e. compare flow chart in Fig. 4 et seq. of Wang with Figs. 5-27).

Regarding independent claim 33, Wang teaches in an electronic device a medium holding a graphical modeling environment having at least one model with a plurality of executable time-based components, said graphical modeling environment providing a view of the model, said medium holding executable steps for a method, said method comprising the steps of:

monitoring the execution of said model to determine the occurrence of a specified event, said event referenced by a label; determining the occurrence of said specified event during the execution of said model (i.e. Event Monitor in Fig. 1 et seq. of Wang). Wang does not teach an event handler associated with the occurrence of an event, or the execution of components in response to notification of events.

Displaying a view of a graphical model with a plurality of executable time-based components, said graphical model including at least one user-configurable graphical post component representing an event, the graphical post component having at least one input port for receiving at least one input signal, said graphical post component specifying a condition associated with the at least one input signal;

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Courant teaches posting the occurrence of said event in said modeling environment to an event handler, said posting notifying said event handler of the occurrence of said event (i.e. "EVENT SERVER" and "EXECUTION MANAGER" in FIG. 5 et seq. of Courant).

Displaying a view of a graphical model with a plurality of executable time-based components, said graphical model including at least one user-configurable graphical post component representing an event, said graphical post component specifying a condition that is satisfied during execution of said graphical model before a posting a notice of said event occurs; (see Courant; col. 2, lines 20-50)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to integrate the event manager of Courant into the graphical modeling environment of Wang. Said artisan would have been motivated to combine Courant into Wang to give the user greater flexibility to select specific functions related to the event (i.e. see col. 2 line 33 et seq. of Courant).

Kornerup teaches executing at least one component from said plurality of components in response to said notifying, said component associated with said label (i.e. step 307 in Fig. 5 et seq. of Kornerup) wherein said graphical post component having at least one input port for receiving at least one input signal, and graphical post component specifying a condition associated with at least one input signal. (see Kornerup, paragraph 0134) It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to integrate the execution based on the event of Kornerup into the graphical modeling environment of Wang as modified by Courant. Said artisan would have been motivated to combine Kornerup into the modified Wang to give the user

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greater control over the timing relationship of the execution of specified events (i.e. see [0012] et seq. of Kornerup).

Claim 34 is similar in scope to claim 2, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 35 is similar in scope to claim 3, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 36 is similar in scope to claim 4, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 37 is similar in scope to claim 5, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 38 is similar in scope to claim 6, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 39 is similar in scope to claim 7, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 40 is similar in scope to claim 8, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 41 is similar in scope to claim 9, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 42 is similar in scope to claim 10, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

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Claim 43 is similar in scope to claim 11 and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 44 is similar in scope to claim 12, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 45 is similar in scope to claim 13, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 46 is similar In scope to claim 14, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 47 is similar in scope to claim 15, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 48 is similar in scope to claim 16, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 49 is similar in scope to claim 17, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 50 is similar in scope to claim 18, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 51 is similar in scope to claim 19, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 52 is similar in scope to claim 20, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 53 is similar in scope to claim 21, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

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Claim 54 is similar in scope to claim 22, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 55 is similar in scope to claim 23, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 56 is similar in scope to claim 24, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 57 is similar in scope to claim 25, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 58 is similar in scope to claim 26, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 59 is similar in scope to claim 27, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 60 is similar in scope to claim 28, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 61 is similar in scope to claim 29, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Response to Argument

Applicant's arguments filed on 6/5/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's arguments focused on the following:

The combination of Wang, Courant, and Kornerup teaches a graphical post component having at least one input port for receiving at least input signal, said graphical post component specifying a condition associated with the at least one input signal.

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Kornerup teaches this limitation because it allows its users to import timing sources such as digital IO ports. (see Kornerup, paragraph 0134) Through this input port, Kornerup allows users to implement timing loop for executing graphical program. (see Kornerup, paragraph 0135)

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SIMON KE whose telephone number is (571)272-4062. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th and Alternate Fridays 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen S. Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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